

may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local PO's national headquarters.

(4) When finalized, the MOU will detail the maximum level of support to be extended to all of the affiliated chapters, regardless of overseas locations. Support will not be provided until HQDA notification of approval and implementing instructions are provided to MACOMs concerned.

Subpart E—Participation in Activities of Private Organizations (Associations)

§ 556.31 Scope.

(a) This chapter specifies policy for official participation by DA agencies, commands, and personnel in the activities of private organizations, societies, and associations, including technical and professional societies that operate on- or off-DA installations.

(b) The following provisions do not apply to DA military or civilian personnel participating in POs as individuals, acting outside their official capacity as employees of the Federal Government. Such membership or participation is permissible as long as it complies with laws (including the Hatch Act and the Anti-Lobbying Act) and regulations that prohibit soldiers and civilian employees from engaging in activities inconsistent with their Federal employment. (See AR 600-50.)

§ 556.32 Limitations.

(a) Participation will be limited to the extent of DOD interest involved.

(b) The favoring of one organization over another will be avoided.

§ 556.33 Official participation in POs.

(a) The following situations will be avoided:

(1) Unauthorized membership in a PO by the United States or its representatives. (See 24 Comp. Gen. 814; 31 Comp. Gen. 398; 32 Comp. Gen. 15.)

(2) Participation in the management and control of POs, in an official capacity, without congressional authorization.

(3) Participation in the determinations or conclusions of POs so as to suggest compliance by the Government

without subsequent responsible administrative authority or congressional authorization.

(4) If doubt exists as to whether membership of an agency is authorized in a particular PO, the case should be referred to HQDA (DAJA-AL) WASH DC 20310-2212 prior to acceptance of membership.

(b) DA agencies may participate in activities of POs in the discussion of matters of mutual interest, subject to AR 600-50 and otherwise consistent with law, including anti-trust laws and laws relating to national security. An agency representative may vote verbally or in writing on issues presented for a vote, provided it is made clear to the PO that such vote indicates no more than the opinion of that representative. No vote so cast will be considered to bind DA or any DA agency, in any way, to a particular present or future course of action.

(c) DA military and civilian personnel will not accept an honorary office or honorary membership in any trade or professional organization that includes in its membership business entities that are engaged in, or are attempting to engage in, providing goods and services to a component of DOD, including its NAFIs. An honorary office includes any office, whether termed honorary or not, when the selection for that office is on the basis of an official DA position or assignment.

§ 556.34 Permissive TDY.

Permissive TDY for the attendance of military and civilian personnel at PO meetings will be per AR 1-211.

APPENDIX A TO PART 556—REFERENCES

Required Publications. A required publication is a publication which the reader must have in order to understand the publication.

AR 1-211

Attendance of Military and Civilian Personnel at Private Organization Meetings. (Cited in § 556.34.)

AR 37-60

Pricing for Materiel and Services. (Cited in § 556.22(c).)